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VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1892. [30]

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Waters are packed and placed on board at  
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A medicinal wine AGREEABLE TO THE  
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Its powerful antifebrile qualities tend to ward  
off attacks of Malaria (ever-read to all con-  
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**A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.**

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1892.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1892.

VOLUNTEER HUMBUS.

THE confidential report of the Volunteer  
Committee which was supplied to a local  
contemporary by somebody who, under the  
circumstances, richly deserves to be  
tared and feathered, has formed a general  
and amusing theme of conversation and  
discussion for the past few days and has  
created quite a little typhoon in our  
amateur military circles. Who was  
dishonourable enough to hand over the  
confidential document to the paper in  
question can only be surmised, although  
to the individuality of the person stands  
out almost as clearly as the object he  
hoped to attain by his treachery; but it  
is sufficient to know that the Hongkong  
Government distinctly repudiates having  
had anything to do with it. The report in  
question is a very voluminous one, and is  
highly flattering to the exuberant verbosity  
of Mr. C. J. HOLLIDAY and his persevering  
henchman, ex-Captain FRANCIS, Q.C.; but  
as a practical solution of the Volunteer  
problem in Hongkong it is almost too  
absurd for serious consideration. These  
two modern warriors and holiday patriots  
have devised and propounded a scheme  
for introducing into the colony a high-class  
military burlesque—possibly with good  
intentions, but more probably influenced  
by that extraordinary vanity which some  
men cannot resist of constantly standing  
in the fierce light of publicity arrayed in  
borrowed plumes—in which they will get  
all the credit and glory at the expense of  
the rate-payers. But it will not do. The  
new Volunteer scheme, as set out in this  
report, is a silly dream of infatuated  
faddists, and must be summarily relegated  
to the dust-bin of disappointed hopes.  
We shall expose its utter foolishness in a  
very few lines, although very doubtful  
whether it is even worth while taking the  
trouble to devote valuable time and space  
to a farce which condemns itself.

Volunteering has never been a marked

success in Hongkong for reasons easily  
understood and which are elaborated in  
the report now under review—heavier  
work in offices than at home, longer  
business hours, frequent Sunday work, no  
regular weekly half-holiday, a trying  
climate, a paucity of outdoor amusements,  
etc. The utility of the Force as a working  
auxiliary to the military in the event of an  
attack on the island, commensurate with  
its cost, was a doubtful question in 1878  
when the Volunteer Artillery Corps was  
first formed; it is even more a matter of  
doubt now, after fourteen years' experience,  
and especially when it is remembered that  
the regular garrison has since  
then been almost doubled in strength  
and is alleged, by military authorities  
who ought to know, to be adequate for  
all probable requirements. In  
our opinion it is almost beyond the  
bounds of possibility that Hongkong will  
ever be seriously threatened by a hostile  
force, but if such an improbable event should  
ever come to pass, our defence will rest  
mainly on our Fleet. If our men-of-war  
are unable to repel invaders, it may safely  
be relied on that a line regiment, a few  
batteries of Artillery, "Our Very Own"  
Indian contingent, and a handful of  
Volunteers will have a very poor chance of  
safe-guarding an island eleven miles in  
length which along its entire southern  
coast-line is utterly defenceless.

But were it not palpable that Volunteers  
in Hongkong, taking them at their best,  
are really not required, the proposals of  
Messrs. HOLLIDAY and FRANCIS directly  
tend to smash up the small but compact  
and well-drilled body of artillerymen who  
now exist as the result of fourteen years'  
hard work, and who certainly have some  
claims to public consideration. This pre-  
cious Committee (HOLLIDAY and FRANCIS)  
recommend the disbandment of the present  
Artillery Corps, and they say they do this  
at the suggestion of its Commandant,  
Captain J. McCALLUM. We decline to  
believe that Captain McCALLUM ever  
suggested anything of the sort; that he  
may have been talked over into acquiescing  
in such an unwarranted proposal is  
barely probable, but even if that is so—  
had not the other officers, the non-commissioned  
officers and privates of the Corps a right to be consulted? The  
entire business suggests a dirty job, which  
is only intensified by Mr. FRANCIS' lame  
and labored letter of explanation in our  
evening contemporary. The Volunteer  
Artillery is badly in need of recruits,  
but with a little beating up, a total  
strength of one hundred men could  
without difficulty be achieved, and that  
is more than sufficient for all the  
amateur soldiering we are ever likely  
to make any effective use of. If the  
Hongkong Government will place the  
present Headquarters of the Corps in  
something like decent order, assist and  
encourage the men in making the place a  
popular rendezvous as well as a drill-hall  
and store for the guns, ammunition, etc.,  
light up Murray Battery with electricity  
and place it solely at the disposal of the  
Volunteers, make a present of the seven-  
pounder pop-guns to the Chinese, and in  
a few other respects take some active  
interest in the welfare and progress of the  
corps—then the Volunteer difficulty will  
have been satisfactorily solved.

It is only fair to record that both ex-  
Major CHARLES J. HOLLIDAY and ex-  
Captain JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Q.C.,  
have military records which are entitled  
to respect. The former, we believe, was  
for years Commandant of the Shanghai  
Volunteers and bears the reputation of a  
most active and highly efficient officer;  
the latter as a soldier had a distinguished  
career in the Commissariat, and since  
then did good work as a Captain of our  
local Volunteer Artillery. But even  
against the military opinions of such tried  
and proved heroes, the line must be  
drawn somewhere, and we draw it  
rigidly at a proposal which includes an  
initial expenditure of \$16,000 and an  
annual outlay of \$20,000 for what?  
Two or three little clubs of friends, who  
can strut about in uniform and have a  
good time generally at the colony's  
expense. "Why not let the members of  
the Hong Kong Club bring themselves  
'shoulder to shoulder' and form one  
battery out of members of the Club only?"  
asks the great Volunteer reformer in the  
*China Mail*; meaning thereby—"We are  
the people. We want no d—d store-  
keepers and men who work honestly for  
their living in our ranks—but only  
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The expense alone would kill Messrs.  
HOLLIDAY and FRANCIS' scheme, even had  
it something sensible to recommend it,  
which it certainly has not. When Maxim  
guns have to be used by the Club-Volunteers  
against an invading force, the time will  
have arrived to make terms with the  
enemy. But the principal things the  
proposed new Volunteer companies appear  
to aim at—through Messrs. HOLLIDAY  
and FRANCIS—are social pleasures  
for everybody, and gaudy uniforms for  
the officers, the number of whom—  
admitted to be double what would be  
required in the Regulars. Mr. HOLLIDAY  
wants the City Club—and a godown  
adjoining, to be used as a drill-hall, at a  
rental of \$4,200 per annum. He says that  
the City Club is about to be wound up—  
which will be news to the members of that  
institution which has just issued a circular to  
the contrary effect—and that the whole of

the stock of furniture, billiard tables,  
bowling alleys, etc., may be taken over  
at \$1,000 at most, which is a gross  
and egregious misrepresentation of  
fact. But the uniform branch of the  
question is the most amusing of all. The  
Committee solemnly recommends that  
officers and non-commissioned officers  
should wear silver instead of gold  
lace; that the uniform of the rank  
and file should cost \$37 and that of  
the officers (paid for by the Govern-  
ment) only \$298.45; that "it is  
desirable the officers, at their own cost,  
should provide a mess uniform costing  
over \$100—and there is a good deal more  
rubbish of this sort in the report which  
we have no inclination to deal with.

It is satisfactory to know that Major-  
General DIBY BAKER has come down on  
this proposed Volunteer reform movement  
with the violence of a thousand bricks, and  
that the scheme, as presented, has been  
completely tabooed. And so it ought to  
be. If Messrs. HOLLIDAY and FRANCIS  
are anxious for a bit of amateur soldiering  
for their own aggrandisement and amuse-  
ment, and to pander to their childish  
vanity, let them do it at their own  
expense. The community pays a heavy  
contribution for its defence, by the  
regular troops, and it is for the  
British Government to see that such  
defence is sufficient. Hongkong has no  
use for feather-bed warriors who require  
Chinese coolies to do all the hard work,  
it can't afford to specially charter Club  
dandies to make exhibitions of themselves  
in uniform at all public functions. It is  
quite satisfied with the present garrison,  
and trusts that Governor ROBINSON will at  
once put a stop to all this humbug, and  
sell the dozen Maxim guns to the War  
Office at the best price obtainable.

## TELEGRAMS.

## DESTITUTE ALIEN PASSENGERS.

LONDON, August 30th.  
An order made by the British Government  
obliges owners of all ships to keep filthy and  
destitute alien passengers on board their  
respective ships, unless these are able to furnish  
the exact details of their destination.

## THE CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

Cholera has now appeared in Dundee, South  
Shields, and Berlin. In Havre it is very severe.

## RESULT OF THE ST. LEGER.

September 7th.  
The Doncaster St. Leger Stakes of 25 sovereigns,  
for three years old; colts and fillies (st. 11lb.),  
the winner of the second to receive 200 sovereigns,  
and the third 100 sovereigns, out of the stakes; Old  
St. Leger course (about one mile, six furlongs,  
and 132 yards) 230 sovereigns.

Baron Hirsch's b. f. La Fleche, by St. Simon  
—Quiver—1.

Lord Bradford's ch. c. Sir Hugo, by Wisdom  
—Mancureur—2.

Baron Hirsch's br. c. Watercress, by Spring-  
field—Wharfedale—3.

## STILL THEY COME.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor  
Ortiz, Spanish Consul, for the following  
telegram—

MANILA, 8th September, 7.50 p.m.

There is another extensive depression to the  
north of Luzon.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE proper thing for a jury to be firm, but  
not fixed.

A contemporary says "the bride-groom's gift  
to the bride was an elegant brooch, besides other  
beautiful things in cut glass."

The Eastern and Australian Co's steamer  
*Memphis*, Capt. Hugh Craig, with the Australian  
mail, arrived in port this afternoon.

A young engineer in India is said to have  
invented a flying-machine, and intends giving a  
series of exhibitions at Calcutta in October.

The number of telephones in service in the  
United States is 122,477, and the total length of  
the line is 253,800 miles, or about 107 times the  
circumference of the earth.

In Singapore when a European constable gets  
drunk and is taken to the lock-up, the magistrate  
the officer he is sent to prison for two months.  
Such was the fate of one Matthews on the 30th  
ultimo.

A regular meeting of Perseverance Lodge,  
No. 116, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall,  
Zeland Street, on Friday, the 10th inst.,  
at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren  
are cordially invited.

Editor—How is it that in your report of the  
fire the other night you used the expression,  
"Why would it?"

Reporters—it was because the fire department  
had only short hose to use.

The Stanley Opera Company arrived from  
Shanghai this afternoon by the P. & O. Co's  
steamer *Aden*, and will appear at the Theatre  
Royal to-night in Gilbert and Sullivan's comic  
opera "The Mountebanks."

The Plandenchenvogelshuetengesellschaft  
contemplate taking a trip in the near future over  
the Electricbahn between Hamburg and  
Schleswig, in the announcement that recently  
appeared in a German-American paper.

Capt. A. Marshall, R.N.R., courteously informs  
us that he received telegraphic advice this morning  
that the *Campania*, the first of the two huge  
14,000-ton steamers, now under construction for  
the Cunard Line, was safely launched yesterday  
at Fairfield.

"My dear Sir," said the doctor, "if you will go  
on drinking like that you'll get—"

"Well, what?" snapped the old man. "The technical  
name for it is *delirium tremens*—makes it."

"Well, that won't hurt me, I'm a professional  
snack-eater."

The *Financial Observer* of July 30th says—  
In reference to last week's article upon the  
unfortunate Oriental Bank, a correspondent writes  
to use a vulgarism, knows what he is talking  
about, writes approvingly to the full the remarks  
we then made. Furthermore he reminds us that  
Mr. Wilson not only promoted the concern of  
which he has now been appointed liquidator,  
but also became the auditor of the new bank.  
The shareholders will do well not to forget these  
facts. Our correspondent fully endorses what  
we said as to the losses being very heavy. He  
remarks that it is stated that a second mortgage  
of £1,000,000 on a West End theatre is one of the  
assets. This is hardly the sort of business  
an Oriental Bank is engaged in.

Mrs. Fondparent—My baby doesn't eat.  
What's the best thing to produce an appetite?  
Old Soak—A gin-cocktail, of course.

The *Daily Advertiser* regrets to hear that,  
owing to continual depression, several mercan-  
tile houses in Singapore contemplate reducing  
their establishments.

The hearing at the Supreme Court of the appeal  
against the decision of the magistrate (Mr.  
Hastings) in the seizure of seven chests of  
opium in the harbour by the Water Police  
recently is fixed for 2 a.m. on the 22nd inst.

ADVISED from Yokohama state that Harimatsu's  
Circus has been doing excellent business there  
during the past fortnight, their performances  
being received nightly with great enthusiasm. It  
is Mr. Harimatsu's intention to open for a short  
season in Shanghai before returning to Hong-  
kong.

The Singapore *Free Press* of the 31st ult.  
says:—A python measuring 16 feet in length  
was lately captured in the garden of Messrs. D.  
Brandt & Co. A snake hardly a few feet long  
was missed by Mr. Engler, one of the partners  
about a year ago, and the python now in Messrs.  
Brandt & Co.'s godown is supposed to be the  
identical one.

The British steamer *Merullo* arrived at  
Singapore on August 30th from Kuching  
bringing 1,400 tons of Japanese coal for the  
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, which makes it evident  
that the Japanese are striving hard to extend  
their coal trade and will not yield their Far  
Eastern supremacy in the business without a  
severe struggle.

"All BADA and the Forty Robbers," in local  
Portuguese, was to be performed by the Regina  
Theatrical Company at the Theatre, Hall, Jalan  
Besar, Singapore, on the 3rd inst. under the  
patronage of Major MacCallum, R.E., and the  
Officers of the Singapore Volunteer Artillery.  
In local Portuguese, which is doubtless a new  
language, is decidedly good.

A JAVA contemporary reports that Mr. Worman,  
who was bitten some months ago by a mad dog  
in Semarang, went to Saigon to undergo the  
Pasteur treatment in the Institute there, and  
returned to Java thinking he had been cured. A  
few days ago he was obliged to be removed to  
the military hospital at Semarang, where he  
died after severe suffering from the consequences  
of the bite.

The Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry  
will play the following programme at the Barrack  
Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:—

Palla "Stephan" Polkath.  
Quadrille "Oswald" Godfrey.  
The "Colon" Baccarat.  
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The smallest, simplest, and best protected post-  
office in the world is in the Straits of Magellan,  
and has been there for many years. It consists  
of a small painted keg or cask, and is chained  
to the rocks of the extreme end of the  
cape, in a manner so that it floats free,  
opposite Tierra del Fuego. Each passing  
ship sends a boat to take letters out and  
put others in. This curious post-office  
is supplied with a postmaster, and is there-  
fore under the protection of all the navies of the  
world. Never in the history of this unique  
office has its privilege been abused.

The *Sourabaya Courant* reports that three  
steam launches belonging to the Rajah of Lum-  
boc have been taken possession of by the Dutch.  
The launch *Jaya* was towing two of them to  
Sourabaya, and the *Mataram* another, when the  
namesless one disappeared during the night.  
It is supposed to have sprung a leak; there was  
nobody on board. The *Jaya* and the *Atika*  
searched for the missing launch in vain. The  
third launch, called *Sri Takra*, was towed to  
Sourabaya by the Government steamer *Relger*.  
The English Captain, engineers, &c., of the  
Lombok boats remained behind at Ampenan.  
They were not forced to leave, but the Dutch  
would rather have them away from the place.

## TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

Torrington ..... steamer, from Probolinggo.

Borneo ..... " " Batavia.

Ethiopia ..... " " Singapore.

Yunlong ..... " " Canton.

Proter ..... " " Canton.

Aggregating 7,119 tons, register.

Outward.

Adju ..... steamer, for Holhow.

Phra C. Kiao ..... " " Swatow.

Chang Hye Teng ..... " " Amoy.

Aggregating 2,415 tons, register.

At the magistracy to-day, before Mr. Hastings,  
Wing Kwal was sent to gaol for six months for  
stealing two jackets from Leung Tol on the 8th,  
in Praya Central.

Trink old saying that "Walls have ears" is about  
to be illustrated in a *fin de siècle* manner in  
Russia. A German Socialist organ complains  
bitterly of the uncompromising methods adopted  
by the secret proceedings of socialistic bodies,  
and is especially indignant that a large number  
of microphones, that have been ordered from an  
electrical firm in Berlin by the Government  
authorities in St. Petersburg, are intended to be  
fixed in the walls and cells in prisons, so that  
anything spoken by the prisoner in any part of  
the room can be either heard by the officers of  
the prison or automatically recorded.

A SPANISH of novelette appears in the *Yokohama  
Shimbun*. It opens in the poetic style usually  
adopted by Japanese writers of works of fiction,  
but when we read on we find that the purpose  
of the story is not to deal with fiction but to set  
forth facts. Very painful facts they are, too.  
The scene is laid in a school in Tokyo. There  
is no mistaking the school, though its name is  
not given. Neither is there any difficulty in  
identifying the male characters of the tale.  
They, too, appear under disguised appellations,  
but the disguise is so cleverly devised that a  
misconception of the plot of the story is impos-  
sible. The story turns upon that old pivot, woman. One of  
the students was a girl so beautiful that the  
youths of the neighbourhood used to wait for her  
in order to catch a glimpse of her as she  
passed on her daily way homeward. This  
lovely girl, we read, fell a victim to the wiles of  
a foreign teacher. Apparently she returned his  
affection. Discovery came, and she was expelled.  
The girl's father, who had wrought her ruin  
remained undisturbed at his post. The other  
students naturally rebelled against this injustice.  
They did not see why the girl should  
suffer and the man go scot-free. But the  
Principal turned a deaf ear to their  
remonstrances, and then, forfeiting their con-  
fidence, began to be himself watched, with the  
result that his own conduct towards another  
student furnished grounds for more than sus-  
picion. Such is the tale, as reproduced by the  
*Yokohama Shimbun*. It appeared several days  
back in the columns of the *Yokohama Shimbun*,  
and is highly probable—some step should surely  
be taken to contradict it, and to punish the pub-  
lisher of the scandal. His name also may be said to  
be given, for though changed into two Japanese  
words, it remains perfectly recognizable.

## DAKIN CRICKSHANK &amp; CO., LIMITED.

The statutory meeting of shareholders in this  
company was held at the Hongkong Hotel to-  
day. Mr. W. H. Fry presided and there were  
also present Messrs G. Fenwick and J. D.  
Hutchinson, directors, F. Watts, manager, A. P.  
Stokes, F. Rozario, C. Grant, J. Kirkwood, J.  
Micheal, J. Stephens, and A. O'Brien.  
The business of the meeting having been read,  
The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, this is the  
first general meeting of the new company,  
Dakin, Crickshank & Co., which as you are  
aware has been held within four months of its  
incorporation. Being the first meeting, we have  
no report to submit, but I may state that the  
business has been going on satisfactorily since  
the amalgamation. The business of Dakin  
Brothers has been transferred to the premises of  
Crickshank & Co., where the amalgamated  
business of both firms is now being carried on.  
All the agreements have been signed and carried  
into effect, and I shall be very glad if share-  
holders will send in their old scrip to have it  
exchanged for new shares. There is nothing  
further to add; I only hope that, when we meet  
again we shall be able to present to you a satis-  
factory report. If any shareholder has any  
questions to ask I shall be very happy to answer  
them.

There being no questions, the proceedings  
terminated.

## THE "AVOCHIE" COOLIE CASE.

At the magistracy this morning, Mr. H. E.  
Wodchouse presiding, the hearing of the charges  
against Chan Lam and Tam Min, of unlawfully  
and fraudulently attempting to decoy at coolies  
away from the colony, was continued.

Chan Tai, the complainant, re-called, said:  
The prisoners said they were authorized to  
collect coolies by Mr. Chater, and that they  
were acting on behalf of Mr. Kwan, whom I saw  
on board the *Avochie*. He acted as a man in  
authority over the coolies. To Kwan was arranged  
all about the passages. There were a  
number of coolies on board in batches,  
and all appeared under Mr. Kwan. The  
prisoners took me and my batch of 20 men on  
board on the 7th and it was they who handed  
us over to Mr. Kwan. The document produced  
was not shown by me to Mr. Kwan.

The first prisoner stated he was ordered by  
Mr. Kwan to engage coolies. The last witness  
told him once that he had engaged coolies to go  
to Hongkong to break up the steamer *Stockton*,  
and that the coolies refused to go because there  
was no agreement. Chan Tai suggested that the  
prisoners should make out an agreement and put  
down Mr. Chater as guarantor. He then made  
out the agreement produced, and advanced \$3  
to each coolie with the knowledge of the com-  
plainant. The prisoner kept back \$1 out of the  
advance to defray expenses.

Robert Barclay Joyce, re-called, stated:—  
I know the man To Kwan, who was formerly  
captain of Mr. Chater's launch *Bella*. We have  
nothing to do with the engagement of the coolies.  
The only stipulation we made with regard to the  
coolies was that they should not be drawn from  
the frontiers of Tonquin. At Hongkong they  
would be responsible for them. Free passage  
is granted for the coolies, and their contract is  
for two months, unless the contractor gives  
notice to terminate earlier.

Hung Kuen Sing, Police Court Interpreter,  
said: The top part of the document is merely a  
scribble and is in no language known to me. It  
appears to be intended for an English rendering  
of the Chinese, as in one part the signature  
for dollars is written in a cursive way. The  
Chinese part states the firm of Chater is engaging  
men to work at the Fair Chi Leung mountain  
at Hongkong at \$750 per month for two months,  
the price being paid by the firm. The agree-  
ment is finished in the usual way. This document  
is signed by Chan Tai.

To Kwan stated:—I am agent for Li Apo who  
is the contractor to supply coolies for the Hongkong  
mines. He is now in Tonquin and is represented  
here by his nephew. I am authorized to engage  
coolies at \$450 a month. I authorized the  
prisoners to engage coolies for me on those  
terms. The document produced does not  
represent the terms on which I am authorized to  
collect coolies. There is no written contract for  
the coolies I engage. The coolies I engage  
receive two dollars each, and I give \$2 to the  
first prisoner to advance to seventeen coolies.  
He produced them and brought them on board.  
Neither I nor the prisoners are emigration  
brokers. I never saw the document produced  
before to-day.

Two of the victims gave evidence, with  
reference to their engagement and said they were  
not willing to go because they were supplied

At the magistracy to-day, before Mr. Hastings,  
Wing Kwal was sent to gaol for six months for  
stealing two jackets from Leung Tol on the 8th,  
in Praya Central.

Trink old saying that "Walls have ears" is about  
to be illustrated in a *fin de siècle* manner in  
Russia. A German Socialist organ complains  
bitterly of the uncompromising methods adopted  
by the secret proceedings of socialistic bodies,  
and is especially indignant that a large number  
of microphones, that have been ordered from an  
electrical firm in Berlin by the Government  
authorities in St. Petersburg, are intended to be  
fixed in the walls and cells in prisons, so that  
anything spoken by the prisoner in any part of  
the room can be either heard by the officers of  
the prison or automatically recorded.

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## Commercial.

**LATEST QUOTATIONS**  
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—103 per cent.  
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £100,000, paid up—40 per cent. div., sellers.  
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, sellers.  
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$25, shares, sellers.  
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$18 buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—3 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$87 per share, buyers.  
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$60 per share, sellers.  
 North China Insurance—Tls. 230 per share, buyers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$93 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$102, buyers.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$252 1/2 per share, sellers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$85 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$28, sales and buyers.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—25 per share, sellers.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—45 per cent. discount, sellers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$36 per share, sales and buyers.  
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—par, nominal.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$73 per cent. premium, 1/2 c.  
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$24, ex div., buyers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$318, ex div., buyers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Co.—\$12, per cent. Debentures—\$501.  
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$6 per share, sellers.  
 The Shamrock Hotel Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Punjonee and Senghe Doo Samantian Mining Co.—\$2.50, per share, sales and buyers.  
 The Raab Gold Mining Co., Limited—30 cents per share, buyers.  
 New Burma Mining Co., Limited—80 cents per share, sellers.  
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.  
 Tongkou Coal Mining Co.—\$115 per share, sellers.  
 The Selkirk Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.  
 The Selkirk Mining Co., Limited—5 cents per share, sellers.  
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—£3 sellers.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$130 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 per share, buyers.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$158 per share, buyers.  
 Dakin, Crickbank & Co., Limited—\$41 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.  
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$16, sales and buyers.  
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.  
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$17 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$47 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$95 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$102 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$67 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and China Paper Company, Limited—\$66 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.  
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$5 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.  
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**EXCHANGE.**  
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 Bank Bills, on demand 2/6  
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 Credits at 4 months' sight 2/6  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/6  
 On Paris—  
 Bank Bills, on demand 1/46  
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/46  
 On India—  
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 On Shanghai—  
 Bank, T. T. 724  
 Private, 30 days' sight 724

## VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

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Mr. Brewer. Mr. E. W. Matland.  
 Capt. S. J. Butcher. Mr. F. Matland.  
 Mr. Chaudet. Mr. W. R. Needham.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mr. Fisher & children.  
 Cottam & Co. Mr. Payton and children.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farmer and child.  
 Mr. Chas. Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins.  
 Mr. W. E. van Es. Mr. Sparrow.  
 Mr. W. S. Harris. Mr. F. Smyth.  
 Mr. Thomas Howard. Mr. Geo. L. Tomlin.  
 Mr. Morton Jones. Mr. H. P. Tooker.  
 Mr. V. Kofod.

## Shipping.

**ARRIVALS.**  
 TORRINGTON, British steamer, 1,161, James Young, 9th Sept.—Proboscis (Tide), 30th August, Supr.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 BORNEO, Dutch steamer, 1,400, H. Klein, 9th Sept.—Batavia 1st August, Supr.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

**ETHIOPE**, British steamer, 1,015, Pinkham, 9th Sept.—Singapore 1st September, Ralls and Bridge-work for Taku.—Order.  
**PROTOS**, German steamer, 1,050, H. Johannes, 9th Sept.—Canton 9th Sept., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**MINNIB**, British steamer, 1,283, H. Craig, 9th Sept.—Sydney 16th August, Townsville 21st, Cooktown 22nd, Thursday Island 24th, and Port Darwin 26th, Coals and General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
**ADEN**, British steamer, 2,517, E. Street, 9th Sept.—Shanghai 4th Sept., and Amoy 7th, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
**CICERO**, British steamer, 1,039, A. George, 9th Sept.—Saloon 4th Sept., General.—Woo Kee.

**CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.**  
*Actis*, Danish steamer, for Welbow, &c.  
*Sikh*, British steamer, for Yokohama, &c.  
*Ethiopia*, British steamer, for Taku.

**DEPARTURES.**  
 September 9, *Pera*, British steamer, for Macao, Yokohama and San Francisco.  
 September 9, *Pika Cham Kiao*, British str., for Swatow and Bangkok.  
 September 9, *Chang-Hye-Teng*, British str., for Amoy.

**PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.**  
 Per *Borneo*, str., from Batavia—37 Chinese.  
 Per *Minib*, str., from Sydney, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. and Miss McCann, Messrs. O. Harley, J. Humme, Koberly, Lyle and 19 Chinese.  
 Per *Aden*, str., from Shanghai, &c.—Miss Waller, Mr. Harley, The Stanley Opera Company, and 112 Chinese.

**DEPARTED.**  
 Per *Pera*, str., for Yokohama—Messrs. J. P. Japp, Geo. Eckley, and Lieut. Koshburn.  
 Per *Sikh*, str., for San Francisco—Messrs. G. Caplin and K. J. Kelly.  
 Per *Falmouth*, str., for London, Mrs. W. H. Japp, Geo. Eckley, and Mr. R. Evans.  
 Per *Esmeralda*, str., for Manila—Mr. and Mrs. Mills, Messrs. D. D. W. Corning, J. Auchterlonie, and F. F. F. F.

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 For Shanghai—Per *Glenartney* to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 2.30 P.M.  
 For Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Prior* to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
 For Amoy and Manila—Per *Kowshing* to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
 For Singapore, Batavia, Samarang, and Sourabaya—Per *Gov. G. Jacob* to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

**STEAMERS.**  
**ACTIS**, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygom, 7th Sept.—Pakhoi 4th Sept., and Hallow 5th, General.—Nam Tai Hong.  
**ALWINA**, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, 5th Sept.—Pakhoi and Sept., and Hallow 5th, General.—Weller & Co.  
**ARMATON**, British steamer, 1,392, J. E. Hunter, 8th Sept.—Calcutta 21st August, and Singapore 2nd September, Opium and General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.  
**BATAVIA**, British steamer, 1,661, J. R. Hill, 12th August.—Tacoma 14th July, General.—Dodwell, Carill & Co.  
**BORNIDA**, Italian steamer, 1,400, F. Sural, 2nd Sept.—Bombay 15th August, and Sept.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
**CHARTERED TOWN**, British steamer, 1,905, A. Murray, 6th Sept.—Kutchinot 1st Sept., Coals—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.  
**CHINOTU**, British steamer, 2,300, A. Hunt, 1st Sept.—Kobe 30th August, and Nagasaki 1st Sept., General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
**DEUTERON**, German steamer, 1,198, W. A. Dine, 6th Sept.—Karus 31st August, Coals.—Slomson & Co.  
**EMPAZOS**, British steamer, 3,003, O. P. Mearns, 27th August, 24th August—Vancouver 7th, Yokohama 22nd, Kobe 2nd, and Shanghai 27th, General.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.  
**FAME**, British steamer, 1,177, Captain Melrose, Hongkong Government Steamer.  
**GLENARTNEY**, British steamer, 1,943, James McGregor, 7th Sept.—London 24th July, Suva 7th August, Peking 27th, and Singapore 1st Sept., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**G. JACOB**, Dutch steamer, 1,500, de Blijd, 2nd September.—Proboscis 22nd August, Sugar.—Order.  
**HALPHONG**, French steamer, 377, Galliot, 7th Sept.—Halphong 4th Sept., and Hallow 6th, General.—Messageries Maritimes.  
**INDUPHONG**, German steamer, 1,100, T. Schall, 6th Sept.—Moll 29th August, Coals.—Weller & Co.  
**MACDUFF**, British steamer, 1,825, E. Foster, 4th Sept.—Amoy and Sept., Taku, &c.—Dodwell, Carill & Co.  
**MALACCA**, British steamer, 2,615, P. W. Case, 8th Sept.—London 21st July, and Singapore 2nd Sept., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

## HONGKONG STEAMERS.

**Continued.**  
**CORRYA**, British steamer, 410, J. M. Daly, 3rd May.—Singapore 16th May, General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
**Prior**, British steamer, 161, A. Stapani, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
**PAIRO**, German steamer, 3,000, G. Petersen, 6th September 31st August, General.—Slomson & Co.  
**SUKH**, British steamer, 1,735, Rowley, 25th August.—Kutchinot 14th August, Coals.—Order.  
**SUNGKANG**, British steamer, 995, C. B. N. Dodd, 7th Sept.—Manila 3rd September, General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
**TAICHOW**, British steamer, 862, R. Unsworth, 3rd Sept.—Bangkok 28th August, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.  
**TAI-WICK**, German steamer, 903, N. Emke, 8th Sept.—Canton 6th Sept., General.—Meyer & Co.  
**ZAMBESE**, British steamer, 1,650, Edwards, 8th May.—Victoria, B.C., via Honolulu 2nd April.

**SAILING VESSELS.**  
**ARON**, Norwegian bark, 634, Christensen, 2nd Sept.—Rangoon 16th August, Timber.—Order.  
**BELLA**, Bath, American ship, 1,347, F. M. Biehn, 7th June.—New York 30th March, Petroleum.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**BITUMEN**, British schooner, 393, Stames, 3rd Sept.—Freemantle 27th June, Sandalwood 1st Order.  
**BYZONA**, German bark, 335, Piger, 1st Sept.—Amoy 27th August, Ballast.—Weller & Co.  
**CAMEROUN**, British bark, 1,200, B. L. Car, 10th Sept.—New York 10th April, Petroleum.—Order.  
**CARL FRIEDRICH**, German ship, 2,008, M. Haak, 22nd July.—New York 13th March, Kerosene Oil.—Retter, Brockmann & Co.  
**CONSTANCE**, British ship, 1,556, Lingley, 18th August.—New York 14th August, Petroleum.—Order.  
**ELBE**, German ship, 1,375, H. Bremers, 15th August.—New York 3rd April, Petroleum.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
**ERLANGEN**, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examina, Customs, 1st Order.  
**FLORENCE TREAT**, British bark, 724, A. C. Paulsen, 24th August.—Singapore 3th Aug., Timber.—Order.  
**HEINRICH**, German bark, 923, Heene, 22nd July.—Singapore 10th July, Timber.—China.  
**ISAAC REED**, American ship, 1,480, F. D. Waldo, 14th August.—New York 4th April, Kerosene Oil.—Retter, Brockmann & Co.  
**J. D. BISCHOFF**, German ship, 1,408, H. Meyer, 1st Sept.—Sydney 17th August, Singapore 30th April, Coals.—Melchers & Co.  
**JOHN MCLEOD**, British ship, 1,595, Henderson, 9th June.—from Pratas Reef, Ballast.—Captain.

**KINGDOM OF SAXONY**, British bark, 538, Brown, 14th August.—Shanghai 13th July, Ballast.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**LAMPA**, British bark, 349, C. Valentini, 2nd Sept.—Albany 20th July, Sandalwood.—Order.  
**LEVYKA**, British bark, 1,445, Travis, 20th Aug.—Shanghai 17th July, General.—Carlowitz & Co.  
**MARABOUT**, British ship, 1,445, Ferguson, 18th August.—New York 8th April, Kerosene Oil.—W. Hewitt & Co.  
**NAM-SHUN-SHING**, Chinese schooner, 300, Luk Li-hung, 24th August.—Yue-on 14th Aug., Timber.—Yang Kee.  
**ORIENTE**, Italian bark, 1,534, M. Massena, 17th August.—New York and May, Petroleum.—Order.  
**RICHARD PARSONS**, American bark, 1,116, W. F. Thorndike, 20th August.—Shanghai 30th July, Ballast.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
**SANTA CRUZ**, British schooner, 92, H. Baade, 22nd August.—Yap, Caroline Islands, 28th July, Coals.—Weller & Co.  
**SERENA**, British ship, 1,388, A. M. Martin, 2nd August.—Cardiff 3rd May, Coal.—Order.

**VELOCHY**, British bark, 498, R. Martin, 14th August.—Honolulu 15th June, General.—China.  
**WARNER**, British ship, 1,687, Kitchin, 1st September.—Cardiff, via Macassar 1st July, Coal.—Order.  
**WILLIAM LE LACHUR**, British bark, Reynell, 29th August.—Philippines 11th August, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

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